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PCB Status of Work Done in Division of Dairy Products

This is the first status report of the sampling and silo surveying done by the Division of Dairy Products covering the period from June 1, 1976, to September 1, 1976, concerning PCB contamination of Indiana's milk supply.

Total milk samples reported as of September 1, 1976	765
Finished products	110
Individual cows	186
Bulk routes and farms	469

Thirty-five finished products (31.8%) have been reported trace or more; however, none were above the actionable level of 2.5 ppm.

Two hundred sixty-five bulk route or farm samples (56.7%) were reported negative.

One hundred eighty-six route or farm samples (39.6%) were reported between trace and 2.4 ppm.

Seventeen farm samples (3.6%) were reported over 2.5 ppm.

Four dairy herds were eliminated from the market on June 25, 1976, and one of those herds was reinstated on August 5, 1976, when laboratory analysis revealed a PCB level below 2.5 ppm. Individual cow samples were obtained from the four suspended herds; however, it may be generally stated that most cows were found to contain PCB levels above 2.5 ppm. A review of our sampling procedures would indicate that a representative sample was not obtained from each cow. Resampling with the proper equipment has been offered to the four producers but all have declined.

As of September 1, 1976, reports of silos have been submitted for 1,741 Grade A farms and 220 manufacturing grade farms. From the reports submitted, 213 Bloomfield silos have been identified, along with 6 Long silos, 1 Vicksburg, and 1 Eagle. The Long, Vicksburg, and Eagle silos are also suspected of using Cumar as an inner sealer.

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